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OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
 This action is FINAL.
 Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1 - 20 is/are pending in the application.
Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 Claim(s) 1 - 20 is/are rejected.
 Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
 The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
 The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
 The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
received.
 received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
 received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
 Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
 Interview Summary, PTO-413
 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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1. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 37 1(C) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by **Huras et al. (Huras)** patent no. **6,125,401**.

4. As to claim 1, Huras teaches the invention as claimed, including a method of responding to a client request from a network connection, the network connection including a client-to-server channel and a server-to-client channel, the method comprising:

examining local server information to determine whether the client-to-server channel is still established;

inferring a state of the server-to-client channel according to whether the client-to-server channel is still established;

processing the client request if the inferred state indicates that the server-to-client channel is still established; and

terminating the client request if the inferred state indicates that the server-to-client channel is no longer established (Abstract, col. 4 line 39 - col. 8 line 66).

5. As to claims 2-7, Huras teach the state of the server-to-client channel is inferred after reading from client-to-server channel; a read buffer is being used to determine whether the client-to-server channel is still established; specific state of the connection is determined by examining local information in the server, "CLOSE_WAIT" state, interrupt. In addition, Huras teaches that polling is being used despite of some disadvantages (col. 1 lines 43-55, col. 4 line 39 - col. 8 line 66).

6. Claims 8-20 have similar limitations as claims 1-7; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart, can be reached at (703) 305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7239.

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